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CONTINENTAL CHOCOLATES

St. George-Budapest forward George Yardley (No. 10) is impeded by Yugal half Ferdo Dunaj at Saturday's match. Yugal won 2-1.

Let us search for the causes of soccer's decline

It seems the time has arrived to take a searching look at the causes and effects of soccer's alarming decline in the Sydney area.

We are mainly referring to the almost critical state of affairs in the NSW first division where several clubs face shattering bankruptcy.

Some critics say that it's not just the clubs that are bankrupt but our entire system of administration.

They blame that for allowing standards — and match attendances — drift to what may soon be an all-time low in Federation history.

As nobody else appears to do anything even to examine the problems — apart from casual chit-chatting about them — we decided to take the lead.

Why us, you may ask.

Well, first of all we have the medium — this very newspaper — to carry out a survey, with the help of you, the readers.

Secondly — and this may sound a trifle boastful — we have not suffered from the present soccer slump.

In fact, while attendances have been tumbling down, our circulation all over Australia has been rising.

Every week we get scores of letters from readers telling us their reasons for staying away from soccer matches and adding that SOCCER WORLD is their only remaining link with the code.

These are our two qualifications for doing this survey — once again independently from any Federation committee or other organisation.

To do it effectively, we need YOUR help.

On an inside page in this issue you will find a questionaire setting out all possible causes for soccer's decline in this State.

We ask you to co-operate by giving your attention to the matter and sending in the filled-in questionaire.

We hope to get hundreds of replies which we will then tabulate and evaluate in order to publish the end result.

We don't mind working many extra hours to do this — if you don't mind giving us about 10 minutes.

There is at present an all-embracing dissatisfaction with the game, from top to bottom, which manifests itself in a frightening loss of spectators.

We don't pretend to know the cure — but neither does anybody else.

Hence this survey, a cold, clinical look at our problems and ills.

If the NSW Federation were completely conscious of their responsibility to the code, they would have arranged some sort of a survey long ago.

We advocated several forms of this many times but nothing has ever happened.

So now it's up to us, this newspaper and you the readers to go into action.

We want to hear from club officials, coaches, players, club fans, unattached spectators and, yes, Federation officials as well.

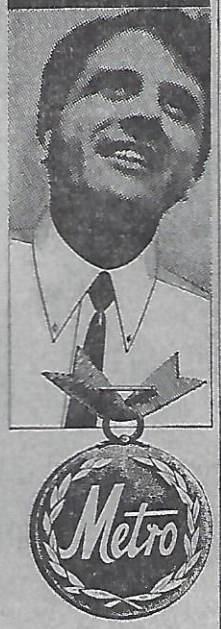
This is your opportunity to voice YOUR opinion.

By doing so, you will help the game you love.

And help it needs, this we all know.

Promotion decider in Second Division — See Page 3

NEW COLLAR



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CRACK SWEDISH TEAM MAY VISIT

The top Swedish team AIK Stockholm may play a few matches in Australia in November.

If plans materialise, they will play twice in Sydney and once interstate.

In Sydney their opponents will probably be St. George-Budapest and Prague.

Both have already notified the Federation of their plans.

AIK Stockholm, at present leading the Swedish championship on goal average from Malmo FF, are their country's glamor club.

Their coach is the famous Henry "Garris" Carlsson, many times Swedish international, member of the Olympic winning team in 1948 and later a successful professional in Spain.

AIK Stockholm also have seven full Swedish internationals.

These are goalkeeper Lundkvist, fullback Soderberg, stopper Hemming, outside right Grip, inside right Ohlsson, inside left Carlsson and left winger Backman.

Several of these played against Brazil in June and will play against West Germany in the World Cup elimination match in September.

Bjorn Carlsson is the son of the coach and a five-time international.

At least one of the Sydney matches will be under floodlights, either at the Showground or the Marks Field.

The interstate details are not yet final.

STOP PRESS

The NSW Federation disciplinary committee last Tuesday night suspended for life second division player Bruno Rueter, of the Concordia club.

Rueter was suspended on a charge of punching referee Norm Jones after having been ordered off the field during last Saturday's match between Concordia and Granville-AEK at Fraser Park.

Rueter, a shift worker, was not present at the P&D inquiry.

The disciplinary committee, last Tuesday, also suspended Hakoah goalkeeper Heinz Wenzl for four matches.

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COMPETITION TABLES

FIRST DIVISION
(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St.Geo.-B'pest	10	3	2	39	19	23
South Coast	10	2	3	37	20	22
APIA	9	—	6	43	22	18
Prague	7	1	6	26	23	15
Yugal	6	3	5	22	21	15
Cumberland	6	1	8	26	42	13
Hakoah	4	4	7	27	34	12
Metro	5	2	8	26	40	12
Pan Hellenic	2	4	8	21	35	8
Polonia-NS	2	4	8	13	24	8

SECOND DIVISION
(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Corinthians	13	5	—	53	14	31
Canterbury	12	5	1	51	17	29
Granville-AEK	11	5	2	69	24	27
Bankstown	7	7	4	35	21	21
Melita Eagles	8	5	4	39	26	21
W. Olympic	9	3	5	37	35	21
Syd. Austral	4	7	8	23	31	15
Western Utd.	5	4	9	23	40	14
Marconi	3	4	10	27	38	10
Sutherland	3	4	11	28	44	10
Thistle	3	4	11	22	70	10
Concordia	1	1	15	12	59	3

FIRST DIVISION
(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	11	2	2	43	19	24
Hakoah	9	4	2	53	27	22
South Coast	8	3	3	36	16	19
Cumberland	9	—	6	36	28	18
Metro	6	3	4	38	34	15
St.Geo.-B'pest	3	5	7	28	40	11
Pan Hellenic	3	4	7	31	37	10
Prague	3	3	7	17	26	9
Yugal	3	2	9	20	49	8
Polonia-NS	2	2	10	19	43	6

FIRST DIVISION
(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
South Coast	11	1	1	45	13	23
Hakoah	10	3	2	33	14	23
St.Geo-B'pest	9	2	4	41	27	20
Pan Hellenic	7	3	3	29	25	17
APIA	7	2	6	39	22	16
Prague	5	4	5	31	22	14
Cumberland	5	1	9	17	33	11
Metro	4	1	9	26	50	9
Polonia-NS	2	2	10	17	36	6
Yugal	—	3	11	10	46	3

SECOND DIVISION
(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville-AEK	15	3	—	75	13	33
Canterbury	14	2	2	62	15	30
Corinthians	12	3	3	69	14	27
Bankstown	13	1	4	51	15	27
Melita Eagles	10	3	4	34	19	23
Sutherland	6	5	7	37	37	17
Western Utd.	7	3	9	34	41	17
W. Olympic	5	1	10	36	36	11
Syd. Austral	3	2	13	19	60	8
Thistle	2	3	13	32	94	7
Marconi	2	2	13	18	58	6
Concordia	3	—	14	21	78	6

AMATEURS
FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hornsby-NE	12	2	3	70	34	26
N. Bankstown	10	6	1	49	29	26
Manly	10	2	5	58	37	22
Sth. Sydney	7	4	6	42	38	18
W. Waratah	8	2	7	39	51	18
Belmore	6	3	9	35	36	15
Artarmon	5	4	8	40	44	14
Lidcombe	5	2	9	28	47	12
Sydney Uni.	3	5	9	19	39	11
Padstow RSL	2	4	11	44	85	8

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
E. Sydney	10	4	4	48	36	24
Lane Cove	11	1	4	44	28	23
Gladesville	9	4	4	40	35	22
Auburn Jnrs	9	3	5	43	23	21
Granville	7	5	6	33	29	19
Uni. NSW	8	2	7	48	38	18
Marrickville	7	3	8	37	36	17
Paddington	5	1	11	22	42	11
Western Subs.	3	2	11	32	63	8
Yagoona	1	5	10	18	35	7

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
NS Inter	18	—	—	119	10	36
Penrith	12	2	4	63	22	26
Warr. Saints	10	3	5	58	41	23
Willoughby	11	—	4	66	29	22
E. Bankstown	7	1	7	46	45	15
Marr. CYO.	4	2	9	48	53	10
Surry. Hills	4	2	8	25	40	10
Arn. Scots	4	1	10	35	32	9
Maroubra	2	1	13	20	80	5
Ku-Ring-Gai	1	—	13	8	129	2

SYDNEY PROTESTANT CHURCHES COMPETITION

First Division

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St.Luke's C'crd	14	1	1	43	15	29
St.John's M'bra	10	3	3	40	25	23
G'ville Meths.	7	1	7	30	31	15
St.Aidans' A'd	7	—	9	28	33	14
Auburn C.C.	4	5	7	27	33	13
A'cliffe Presb.	6	1	8	29	34	13
P'bowl. Meths.	5	1	9	32	39	11
St.thomas' K've	1	4	10	21	40	6

Second Division

	W	D	L	F	A	P
G'ville Presb.	12	1	2	60	17	25
St.James B'd	11	2	3	45	25	24
St.Giles' H'ville	9	3	4	45	30	21
D'moyne Bapt.	6	2	8	32	42	14
St.Barnabas' Pb.	5	3	8	28	47	13
E'wood Bapt.	5	2	9	33	46	12
M'bra Bapt.	3	4	4	31	46	10
E'wood Meths	2	3	10	20	41	7

Third Division

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St.Pauls' D'd	12	3	1	66	20	27
F'dock Meths	13	—	3	65	18	26
L'combe Con.	9	2	5	35	38	20
Callan Pk. C-E	7	4	5	47	36	18
Bankst'n Presb.	5	5	6	31	40	15
Auburn Presb.	6	—	10	30	38	12
Blackt'n Refs.	4	1	11	32	78	9
C'crd W.Meths.	1	1	14	28	76	3

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS / HOW THEY LINED UP

Pan Hellenic 2 (1)
J. McCulloch 24 min, J. Karyannis 89 min.

R. Corry 3; T. Xanthopoulos 3, D. Wright (injured); G. Yangou 3, J. Cole 4, J. Karyannis 3; R. Blitz 3, J. McCulloch 4, J. Sanchez 4, D. Logan 3, J. Pearson 3.

TOTAL: 33 Coach: W. Tamandl

Cumberland 3 (2)
V. Reynolds 41 min., J. Keddie 43 & 83 mins.

B. Stevens 5; A. Smith 3, W. Addison 3; G. McPhail 4, R. Folwell 4, *V. Reynolds* 5; *J. Keddie* 5, M. Collins 3, D. Goldie 3, M. O'Neill 3, J. Gallagher 3.

TOTAL: 41 Coach: B. Kelly

Yugal 2 (2)
S. Pacanin 36 min., S. Bobic 38 min.

B. Nezman 3; S. Petric 3, J. Mucillo 4; L. Lazarevic 4, *M. Stojanovic* 5, F. Dunaj 4; S. Bobic 3, S. Dacevski 4, S. Lalic 3, A. Vicevic 4, S. Pacanin 3.

TOTAL: 40 Coach: A. Jagodic.

St. George-B. 1 (1)
V. Fernandez 9 min.

M. Clarke 3; R. Hillary 3, T. Zuckerman 2; M. Schaefer 4, P. Banicevic 3, H. Rodriguez 2; *D. Todd* 5, J. Warren 3, T. Magyar 2, G. Yardley 3, V. Fernandez 2.

TOTAL: 32 Coach: L. Hegyes

APIA 1 (0)
Giacometti I 59 min.

J. Roberts 4; C. Van Blerk 4, S. Ackerley 4; P. Hughes 4, R. Murua 3 (injured), F. Bottalico 4; W. Edwards 3, J. Watkiss 3, Giacometti I. 4, R. Campana 3, Giacometti II 4.

TOTAL: 40 Coach: J. Marston

Prague 2 (2)
T. Ferns 31 min., J. King 36 min.

S. Earl 4; K. Hiron 4, S. Sherwin 3; G. Jones 4, *D. Zeman* 5, L. Scheinflug 4; L. Gauto 4, T. Ferns 3, J. King 3, A. Falzon 3, G. Sleight 4.

TOTAL: 41 Coach: S. Cambal

S. Coast Utd. 2 (1)
G. Barnett 1 & 72 mins.

B. Rhodes 4; P. Woods 4, A. Ringland 3 (injured); J. Kelly 4, *J. Harris* 5, B. Salisbury 4; D. Mayers 4, B. Tristram 2, M. Tolson 3, G. Barnett 4, E. Holder 2.

TOTAL: 39 Coach: J. Kelly

Polonia-NS 0 (0)

J. Drewniak 3; D. Calphy 3, H. Cebula 3; G. Gawlik 4, Z. Nowacki 4, *D. Brown* 5; B. Adamczyk 4, M. Jurecki 2, K. Witczak 3, A. Komoder 2, A. Gaik 3.

TOTAL: 36 Coach: J. Komander

Metro 2 (2)
A. Bitunjac 4 & 32 mins.

O. Collazo 3 (injured); J. Puig 3, G. Ledezma 3; R. Baker 3, J. Curry 4, N. Bischoff 4; E. Massey 3, A. Bitunjac 4, J. Galambos 2, R. Frazer 2, G. Nutt 3.

TOTAL: 34 Coach: G. Azzopardi

Hakoah 5 (3)
H. Ninaus 25 & 43 mins, J. Christie 28 & 75 mins, R. Fekete 76 min.

H. Wenzl (sent off); T. Edwards 4, I. Hillsdon 4; D. Walsh 4, A. Marnoch 4, D. Edwards 4; *R. Fekete* 5, J. Christie 4, *H. Ninaus* 5, G. Hood 3, D. Holden 3.

TOTAL: 40. Coach: T. Jelisavcic

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Two goals within 90 seconds from halftime clinched this exciting match for Cumberland. Pan Hellenic had the better of play for most of the game but their forwards were unable to score the vital goals. Cumberland's defence was too good throughout, never giving the "fiddly" Pan Hellenic forwards any latitude. Cumberland's teamwork and fighting spirit were outstanding and in goalie Stevens, Reynolds and talented young right winger Keddie they had the best players on the field. Cumberland in the second half had some good scoring chances and went to a 3-1 lead before Karyannis reduced the leeway in the last minute. Pan Hellenic never played as a team, particularly their forwards, and received a lesson in direct, modern football from Cumberland.

Crowd: 2,300. — LOU GAUTIER

For most of the 90 minutes Yugal were playing good football and Budapest were struggling. Yugal's veterans were amazingly fast, strong and aggressive while retaining the usual clever features of their game. Budapest were quite disjointed and looked anything but championship material. On the strength of their superior teamwork and numerous chances, Yugal could have — and should have — won by three or four goals.

Referee Buchan was inconsistent with the fouls, disregarded the advantage rule.

Crowd: 2,950. — PAUL DEAN

APIA missed three open goals in the first seven minutes and therein lies the main reason for their defeat. After weathering APIA's onslaught, Prague gradually settled down to play clever, incisive football and score two goals within five minutes. The header from John King, which gave Prague a match-winning 2-0 lead, was the highlight of this exciting match. Prague went into defence for most of the second half but APIA could only capitalize on one of their many chances. Despite APIA's territorial advantage, Prague deserved to win because they played more coolly and with far greater fighting spirit.

Referee S. Pundyk was good.

Crowd: 4,960. — EINAR PERSEN

A goal in the opening minute sealed the match for South Coast. Polonia-NS never recovered from this early setback and seldom worried the provincial defence although they attacked frequently. South Coast's display was more stolid than brilliant and without Barnett's characteristic opportunism would never have scored. The sporting manner in which both teams conducted themselves was probably the highlight of a match almost entirely void of thrills.

Referee H. Parsons was excellent.

Crowd: 2,700. — LINCOLN WALTERS

After an excellent first half which produced beautifully executed goals, the match degenerated into a street fight. Hakoah, playing with 10 men, outplayed an incredibly naive Metro in the second half, scoring two goals against great odds. Surprisingly it was Metro and not Hakoah that panicked after Wenzl's expulsion. The Metro forwards were too impotent to score goals and hurried instead of playing their normal, easy flowing game. Hakoah gave a great display of fighting spirit and courage in the face of adversity. Herbert Ninaus was the star of the match. He scored two magnificent goals, then performed splendidly in goal.

Crowd: 2,200. —LOU GAUTIER

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION
(Second and Third Grades)

Yugal v. St.Geo. B'pest	2-2	1-5
P. Hellenic v. C'land	0-1	5-0
APIA v. Prague	2-0	1-0
SCU v. Polonia-NS	3-1	6-0
Metro v. Hakoah	3-3	2-2

SECOND DIVISION
(First and Second Grades)

Canterb'y v. Thistle	5-1	10-2
Bankst'n v. Western Utd.	4-0	6-0
Syd. Austral v. Sutherl'd	0-0	3-3
Concordia v. Corinth's	0-4	0-9
Concordia v. G'ville-AEK	1-5	0-7
Bankstown v. Thistle	1-1	5-0
G'ville-AEK v. Melita E.	2-1	1-1
Marconi v. W. Olympic	1-2	2-2

AMATEURS
FIRST DIVISION
(First and Second Grades)

Syd. Uni. v. Hornsby-NE	2-3	0-2
Belmore v. Artarmon	1-1	1-1
Padstow RSL v. Manly	3-2	2-2
Lidcombe v. N. Bankst'n	1-1	1-3
S. Sydney v. Artarmon	3-1	3-3
W. Waratah v. Belmore	2-1	0-2

SECOND DIVISION
(First and Second Grades)

Yagoona v. E. Sydney	0-1	4-1
Lane Cove v. Uni. NSW	3-0	5-1
M'ville v. G'ville	5-1	7-1
Granv. v. Western Sub.	3-0	1-1
Paddingt'n v. A'burn Jnrs	2-8	1-3

THIRD DIVISION
(First and Second Grades)

Arncliffe v. Penrith	0-3	1-3
Ku-Ring-Gai v. M'bra	5-2	2-3
Warr. Saints v. N. Syd. I.	1-4	—
Marr'v. CYO v. N. Syd I.	1-2	1-13
Warr. Saints v. E. Bankst.	1-3	2-0

INTER DISTRICT LEAGUE
(Under 18 and 16)

	u-18	u-16
Sutherl'd v. G'ville	10-1	—
Ku-Ring-Gai v. Canterb.	0-4	1-2
E. Suburbs v. Manly	2-4	4-0
Bankst'n v. N Suburbs	4-6	*2-1

*Nepean

PROTESTANT CHURCHES
First Division

St. Luke's C. v. Auburn C.C	3-1
St.John's M. v. G'ville Meths	4-1
P'bowl Meths v. A'cliffe P.	4-3
St.Aidans' A. St.Thomas' K.	4-2

Second Division

St.James' B. v. E'wood Bapt.	3-1
G'ville Presb. v. St.Giles' H.	5-1
M'bra Bapt. v. St.Barnabas' P.	2-2
D'moyne Bapt. v. E'wood M.	4-1

Third Division

St.Paul's D. v. Callan Pk. C-C	4-2
F'dock M. v. L'combe Congs.	4-0
Auburn Presb. Black. Refs.	5-0
Bankst'n Presb. v. C'crd M.	3-1

LEADING SCORERS

G. Giacometti (APIA)	18
G. Barnett (SCU)	16
J. Galambos (Metro)	16
H. Ninaus (Hakoah)	10
G. Yardley (St. Geo.-B'pest)	9
J. Watkiss (APIA)	9
V. Reynolds (Cumberland)	8
J. Warren (St.Geo.-B'pest)	8
V. Fernandez (St. Geo.-B'pest)	7
A. Vicevic (Yugal)	7
K. Jaros (APIA)	6
D. Logan (Pan Hellenic)	6
D. Sandell (Cumberland)	6
M. Tolson (SCU)	6

'TEAM OF THE WEEK'

B. STEVENS (Cumberland)
T. EDWARDS (Hakoah)
J. MUCILLO (Yugal)
G. JONES (Prague)
D. ZEMAN (Prague)
V. REYNOLDS (Cumberland)
J. KEDDIE (Cumberland)
S. DACEVSKI (Yugal)
H. NINAUS (Hakoah)
G. BARNETT (SCU)
D. TODD (St. Geo.-B'pest)

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Polonia-NS v. Hakoah	2	2	2	2	x	2
Pan Hellenic v. Metro	1	1	1	x	2	1
Cumberland v. Yugal	2	x	1	1	1	1
St. George-B'pest v. APIA	2	2	x	1	2	2
Prague v. South Coast	2	x	x	x	2	x

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Kelly leaving?

Rumors are circulating on the South Coast that Jim Kelly may join a Sydney club next season. These rumors seem to crop up towards the end of every season but Kelly always chooses to stay with South Coast. Despite good offers from a couple of Sydney clubs, Kelly again seems certain to captain-coach United in 1966.

S. Coast's big chance to take over lead from tottering Saints

With three full rounds to go, there are still many interesting possibilities in the competition.

Theoretically any of the first three teams can still win the premiership though APIA's hopes must be extremely slim.

So far only St. George-Budapest and South Coast can be regarded as almost certain semifinalists — though one of them could still miss out, mathematically.

However, it's now odds on that the third and fourth semifinal berths will be decided between APIA, Prague and Yugal — with Cumberland, a relegation candidate only three weeks ago, also having some chance!

And how about the relegation?

Only Hakoah, Metro, Pan Hellenic and Polonia may be involved though the danger for the first two is extremely remote.

That leaves Pan Hellenic and Polonia, both of whom also have a deferred match to play.

We feel that 12 points will be ample to escape relegation and Pan Hellenic's prospects look just a shade better.

These are the clashes in the third last round:

POLONIA-NS v. HAKOAH

In the past fortnight Polonia's forward line relapsed into its old sterile self, not being able to produce one tiny goal.

Admittedly, they came up against two of the leading teams, both with sound defences.

However, to get those vital points Polonia must concentrate on open, attacking football — narrow, even glorious defeats get them nowhere.

How they can achieve this against an improved Hakoah is their problem.

Last Sunday Hakoah delighted their fans with fighting yet intelligent football.

Had they been able to play this brand of football all this season, they would be nearer the top than the bottom.

There is no doubt that the present Hakoah has a superior all-round power to Polonia.

And this should enable them to clinch another win against their desperate opponents.

In first round: 0-0.

PAN HELLENIC v. METRO

Pan Hellenic fans had better seek the intervention of ancient Greek gods.

Another defeat here would make their position quite critical—yet it's on the cards.

Last week Pan Hellenic lacked not only class but also bite, a will to get out of their dreadful position.

Metro are unlikely to reach the semis and equally unlikely to be relegated.

So, for them at least, the fight for big stakes is over.

This may actually lift their game from last week's level.

If they give a similar temperamental and unintelligent display, they can get ready for another hiding.

A draw looms up as a possibility.

In first round: Metro 2-0.

CUMBERLAND v. YUGAL

These two are the "in-form" teams of the moment and their clash should be exciting.

Cumberland, with a most admirable dash, have raced away from the edge of twilight zone and actually challenge for a semifinal berth.

Under the leadership of Reynolds and Keddie, they are very formidable opponents even for the best.

And Yugal at the moment are claimed to be the best.

Last Saturday they gave a highly polished, well-rehearsed display seldom seen in Sydney nowadays.

Their veterans are fit and fast as some youngsters, shaming their opponents often 10 years their junior.

Cumberland have the greater zest and Yugal the greater —and better utilised—experience.

Either could win and not cause the slightest surprise but somehow we favor Yugal's chances.

In first round: Yugal 2-1.

ST. GEORGE-BUDAPEST v. APIA

Both these suffered surprise defeats last week indicating that their slumps are not yet over.

In fact, St. George-Budapest gave by far their worst display since early March.

With one or two notable exceptions, they appear as if they have forgotten how to play soccer.

APIA are not much better off and their makeshift forward lines, especially without the retired Jaros and injured Wong, are weak even on paper.

Perhaps their greatest hope lies in the fact that they won't play at the Showground where this year they have lost each and every competition match they have played there.

But this in itself may not land enough hope for the APIA fans who start wondering what happened to last year's shining snow?

On form both teams should lose fairly convincingly — but of course, this isn't possible.

So you decide which is likely to show any improvement and back them—we go for APIA on a hunch.

In first round: St. George 4-2.

PRAGUE v. SOUTH COAST UTD.

Prague are fast acquiring a habit of winning when least expected.

So it's easy then: last week they played well and this time they must lose . . .

Badaracco will be back on deck after his suspension and his grafting ability may help Prague.

However, it is doubtful if against South Coast this will be sufficient.

Once again near that tantalising premiership, South Coast are unlikely to permit more major slip-ups.

If their forwards reach only reasonable form, they may prove quite a handful for the not too safe Prague defence.

The stakes are pretty high for both teams and their encounter could be a thrilling and spectacular one — with South Coast possibly gaining at least one of the points.

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In first round: S. Coast 3-0.

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SOCCER SHOW SHELVED

CHANNEL TEN have stopped showing highlights of their live Sunday soccer telecast on Monday night.

This decision is being hotly disputed by the NSW Federation management committee as it is understood that their agreement with the television station stipulated that highlights of the previous day's televised game had to be shown on Monday night.

There is now talk that the management committee may not allow Channel TEN to televise the semifinals, final and grand final if Monday's highlights are not restored.

Without delving into the pros and cons of the argument, it seems to me that Channel TEN must be sadly unaware of the high rating of Monday night's program as the vast majority of soccer fans used to watch the 25-minute soccer segment.

Dozens of soccer fans are reported to have telephoned and written to Channel TEN protesting about the scrapping of Monday night's highlights.

—Lou Gautier

Showground likely to attract record crowd for Sunday's 'big two' clash

Eight second division matches were played last weekend as the deferred games between Bankstown and Thistle and Concordia and Granville-AEK took place at last.

Corinthians and Canterbury won very comfortably and Granville-AEK made the most of their two matches over the weekend to collect a further four points to keep their slim promotion hopes alive as they are now four points behind Corinthians and only two behind Canterbury.

Melita Eagles' defeat against Granville-AEK enabled Bankstown, who gained three points from their two matches, and Wollongong Olympic to join the Eagles in equal fourth place.

At the foot of the ladder, Sutherland gained a vital point against draw specialists Sydney Austral.

Sutherland, Marconi and Thistle are all on 10 points and all three clubs have an equal chance of avoiding relegation, something only one will achieve.

Canterbury had a successful "dress rehearsal" last Saturday against Thistle for this weekend's vital clash with Corinthians.

The Berries won 5-1 but were held to 1-1 at halftime.

In the second half, however, they asserted their superiority in no uncertain fashion, scoring four goals and going close to getting another two or three.

Thistle gave Canterbury supporters a fright by scoring first and the Canterbury camp was still grim at the interval although Saravakos had equalized before the teams trooped off the field at halftime.

The little Greek international made it 2-1 shortly after resumption of play and from then on there was no stopping the confident Canterbury machine.

Two goals from Paxinos and one from Vassilopoulos completed the rout of the gallant Thistles and even though Saravakos missed a penalty in the 89th minute he was the hero of the match.

Referee hit

Granville were untroubled to beat Concordia 5-1 but a very serious incident marred the match.

Referee Norm Jones had a tough job controlling the 22 players as tempers flared frequently.

After he sent Concordia's Rueter off, the player allegedly hit him, splitting the referee's chin open.

Jones had to have six stitches inserted at Marrickville Hospital and his place in the middle taken by a linesman.

Bankstown easily beat Western United 4-0 on Saturday but had great trouble with Thistle on Sunday and were lucky to force a 1-1 draw.

Concordia's Sunday match against Corinthians had none of the violence of their clash with Granville-AEK and they went down 4-0 without a murmur.

Corinthians won in a canter with two goals apiece from Peter Barnes and Tommy Arnold.

Granville-AEK were lucky to beat Melita Eagles 2-1.

Melita again scored an own goal when Binnie put through his own net when the score was level at 1-1.

Scott opened the score for Granville before Azzopardi equalized.

A crowd of 2,000 saw an excellent match of high standard which was well refereed by Tony Boskovic.

The best player on the field was Melita's goalie Joe Gatt.

THIS WEEKEND

All other second division matches this weekend will pale into insignificance compared to the season's most important clash between Corinthians and Canterbury on Sunday.

Corinthians broke new ground for this match by booking the Sydney Showground which should attract an all-time record second division crowd of about 5,000, weather permitting.

A win for Canterbury would enable them to draw level with Corinthians.

And win they must as a draw would almost certainly give the championship and promotion to their opponents.

Corinthians will probably play for a draw and pack their defence leaving the initiative to the Berries' forwards and hoping that their defence will hold.

This match promises to be one of the most exciting of the year, first division included, as it certainly is one of the season's most important soccer events.

This is how the teams are likely to take the field for Sunday's summit match:

Corinthians: 1 D. Griffin, 2 M. Moulson, 3 G. Rayner, 4 W. Macarthy, 5 R. Robinson, 6 T. Hill, 7 D. Clapton, 8 T. Arnold, 9 P. Barnes, 10 S. Hart, 11 F. Whitehead.

Canterbury: 1 J. King or A. Dimopoulos; 2 B. Lincoln, 3 A. Drikos; 4 A. Romanos, 5 T. Konstadakopoulos, 6 J. Dougan; 7 M. Rinos, 8 M. Saravakos, 9 S. Vassilopoulos, 10 P. Bovolis, 11 C. Paxinos.

The referee is L. Wilson.

In the other matches of the round Sydney Austral should beat Thistle, Wollongong Olympic easily account for Concordia at Balgownie and Melita Eagles defeat Marconi.

Granville-AEK will not have things all their way at United but should come out on top narrowly while the Girraween against Western improving Sutherland have an excellent chance of extricating themselves from the bottom of the table when they meet Bankstown on Sunday at Seymour Shaw Park.

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McAndrew-Plan to pave way for tie with juniors

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Transcending all that has been said or written on junior promotion on or off the field is the decision of the Australian Soccer Federation executive a week ago.

The ASF secretary, Ian McAndrew, has been empowered to prepare a plan for an Australian Junior Federation.

To formulate his recommendations, he is to contact all States, who are required to consult and jointly prepare submissions in conjunction with their junior associations.

● Vital decision

At long last a decision has been made which should lead to the untangling of the tangled web of junior - schoolboy - amateur - semi-professional relatibnships.

In previous articles views from both sides of the Sydney fence — from Federation and from Amateur sources — have been quoted.

They have been provocative at times.

But a general trend is evident everywhere.

People in different sections of soccer must co-operate in the areas where co-operation is vital.

Not long ago this point was rarely recognised.

A fight for power, and a lack of understanding of the other fellow's point of view, were all that mattered.

Now we are to have a basic investigation, joint consultation, leading to a national junior set-up.

McAndrew has told us that he feels privileged to undertake this task.

If all concerned fight the battle to project their views on this national junior topic with dedication and forethought, and a willingness to settle for an equitable solution, then the game of soccer can grow.

It is idle to dwell upon final possibilities before the basic investigation is concluded.

Each State has its own junior structure.

Each has its weaknesses, and some have more weakness than others.

What age is the maximum for a junior?

When does he become an amateur or a contract player?

Can one system be instituted for all States?

● Local customs

Or should juniors be organized differently depending upon local customs which cannot easily be abandoned?

How are juniors controlled in the U.K., Europe, or New Zealand for that matter?

What differences are there that bear on the Australian scene?

What relationships should be set up between juniors and first division, second division and amateur clubs, regional associations, State and national bodies, and the schools and universities, etc.

Should juniors be controlled by Junior MCs within their own district association?

Get the principles right, and the whole pattern of juniors and schoolboys will fit into the correct slots.

The successful techniques can then be conveyed to help the weaker States to build their football.

Some homework, setting out the NSW entire State organizations and a detailed study of the English F.A. Handbook, A. McLaughlin's suggestions printed in "Soccer World", and comparisons resulting therefrom would help all top administrators to make the right decisions expeditiously.

CANBERRA GETS TOP WHISTLER

— By JOHN HOLLAND —

The most recent addition to the ACT's small body of soccer referees is Nicholas Szego, who in a space of seven weeks has set the local soccer fraternity buzzing with differing opinions of his ability.

Regardless of their opinions, however, this 39-year-old, slightly built Hungarian is the proud possessor of top honors in perhaps two of the most different occupations imaginable — soccer refereeing and ladies hairstyling.

As a youngster he was taken to Bucharest, Rumania, which was to become his home for many years and the scene of many heartbreaking frustrations and disappointments before his departure for Australia early this year.

A broken ankle and wrist finished his football playing career at the early age of 19, but within the space of a few years Nicholas (not Nick) had graduated from one of the toughest soccer referees courses in Europe.

During the following 17 years he has gained a FIFA Category one (a) — International Referees Certificate, and, despite the refusal of Communist Government leaders to allow him to officiate outside of Rumania, he controlled a staggering 47 matches against international teams.

In the period 1950 to 1954 he also competed by invitation in several hairdressing competitions in Budapest and Prague, gaining a first and a second, and three third placings against some of Europe's best hair stylists.

The year 1954 saw his business 'nationalised' and as a result he was forced to work in a co-operative.

Not long after this Szego received several letters from two sisters who had settled in Australia previously.

It was not long before he had decided that here was a country where he could make good use of his ability.

However, it was in the middle of this frustrating 10 years of waiting for permission to leave the country that he was paid his highest honor, which unfortunately he failed to take advantage of due to pre-occupation in ways and means of escaping from behind the Iron Curtain.

Soccer's international controlling body, FIFA early in 1958 commissioned Istvan Somos of Budapest to prepare a lexicon, to contain the names of the top referees of all European countries.

Nicholas Szego was the unanimous choice of the Rumanian soccer authorities.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of Szego's short spell in Australia was the recent opening of a hairdressing salon in Queanbeyan, an achievement which has been his most consistant dream for the last 10 years.

Asked to comment on ACT soccer, Szego lists the following observations which affect him as referee:

● The lack of corner flags at some grounds and the total absence of half way flags at almost all.

● Holdups in play, when referees have to move spectators and club officials from sidelines.

● A suggestion which should be implemented forthwith, that team captains wear a distinguishing armband to identify them from other players.

BAYUTTI HOPES TO SEE CODES TO GET TOGETHER

Australian Federation vice-president Jim Bayutti will press for the creation of a Sydney Football Council to co-ordinate the activities of Sydney's four football codes.

Bayutti said this week that he got the idea from his recent overseas trip as such sports councils existed in Italy, France and West Germany.

Bayutti suggested that rugby league, rugby union, Australian rules and soccer should get together in Sydney for the good of each code.

He thinks rugby league should have three delegates on the council, rugby union and soccer two each and Aussie rules one.

He proposes NSW rugby league president Bill Buckley as chairman of the council because rugby league is the top football code in Sydney.

The aim of the Football Council, according to Jim Bayutti, should be to co-ordinate fixtures, improve ground amenities and press for the formation of a NSW commissioner of sport.

The improvement of grounds should be the number one item on the council's agenda.

"The majority of football grounds in every code in Sydney are shocking", Bayutti said.

"The council, backed by the might of Sydney's football public, could exert pressure on local City and suburban councils, forcing them to do something about the mediocre spectator amenities."

The formation of a Football Council would also eliminate big match clashes between the four codes.

"The Council would get together before the start of the football season and submit dates for proposed international tours and grand finals in order not to clash with each other.

"That way, each code would profit instead of splitting up the public.

"When an international rugby match is played at the Cricket Ground or Showground, the Council should arrange for no other matches to be played in the City area and similarly when there is a big soccer or Aussie Rules games, the rugby codes should play their club games on suburban ovals.

"Grand finals and semi-finals, too, should be played on different weekends, so not to interfere with each other", Bayutti said.

Jim Bayutti said that the Football Council eventually could embrace every other sport played in Sydney.

Bayutti's idea is a good one but appears too idealistic and visionary for Sydney sport at the moment.

There is very little co-operation between the football codes, even open hostility in some instances.

It's difficult to imagine rugby league, as the undisputed top code of football in Sydney, going out of its way to help soccer or Australian Rules prosper and eventually take over as the major sport.

The idea, however, deserves to be looked into and if Bayutti gets a good hearing from the other codes and manages to set up the Football Council, he will go down as the man who helped Australian sport grow up.

—LOU GAUTIER

GYMEA LOOKS FAR AHEAD

Gymea North End Club, from Sutherland Shire, has Inter-Suburban League aspirations.

Gymea N.E. would field two teams of under 21s if it is admitted for 1966.

With no Amateur representation from the Shire, Gymea would have a case for entry.

Especially as its under 21s will be representing Sutherland against Canterbury shortly in the Metropolitan championship final.

Under 21s are further in the news.

The Roberston Cup, Under-21 State Club championship entries were being called, and closed with the secretary on July 31.

Here is a chance for clubs from all districts to play in a strong amateur K.O. competition.

Jack Hibburt, manager of Marrickville club's Inter-Suburban League team, is proud of the manner in which so many nationalities get on together in the teams.

Players are of Italian, Lebanese, Maltese, Irish, English and Scots extraction, as well as the Aussie content.

Marrickville's second XI has strong hopes of winning its division.

Behind these sides are almost 20 more in the Canterbury Association.

If the Marrickville first XI makes the final four, there will be plenty of support to cheer them on.

And if you are an amateur coach looking for an interest, just ring Jack Hibburt on 56-4026.

Marrickville F.C. will be glad to meet you.

NSW PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

Polonia-NS v. Hakoah — Drummoyne Oval
Pan Hellenic v. Metro — Marks Field
Thistle v. Sydney Austral — Knight's Park

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

Cumberland v. Yugal — Mona Park
St. George-Budapest v. APIA — Wentworth Park
Prague v. South Coast — Marks Field
Wollongong Olympic v. Concordia — Balgownie Oval
Melita Eagles v. Marconi — Fraser Park
Western United v. Granville-AEK — Girraween Park
Sutherland v. Bankstown — Seymour Shaw Park
Corinthians v. Canterbury — Sydney Showground

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

Pan Hellenic v. Prague — Wentworth Park (deferred match)
APIA v. Cumberland — Lambert Park
Metro v. Polonia-NS — Marks Field
Canterbury v. Western United — Arlington Oval
Sydney Austral v. Granville-AEK — Cricket Ground No 2
Thistle v. Melita Eagles — Girraween Park
Marconi v. Concordia — Marconi (deferred match)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

Yugal v. Pan Hellenic — Marks Field
South Coast v. St. George-Budapest — Woonona Oval
Hakoah v. Prague — Wentworth Park
Concordia v. Sutherland — Frazer Park
Marconi v. Bankstown — Marconi Oval
Corinthians v. Wollongong Olympic — Jubilee Oval, Glebe

ONE IN, ONE OUT

JOSE Garcia, APIA's brilliant new forward from Spain, has scored all five of his team's goals in the last two games he played in APIA's second XI. Garcia is likely to be given a first team berth this weekend.

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VINCE Balzon, the talented APIA winger, broke his nose at training last week when he collided with a team-mate. Balzon will be out for the rest of the season.

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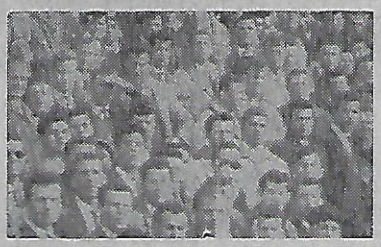

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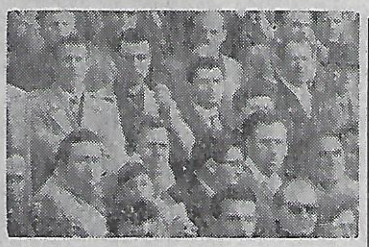

TV, Chelsea tour suspects for season's gate losses

Only a few of the possible causes for the alarming decline in Sydney and South Coast soccer crowds can be pinpointed with any sort of accuracy.

Three of these reasons could be related to Sunday's live telecasts on Channel TEN, the Chelsea tour and the 10-team competition.

It could be purely a coincidence that Sydney crowds are down this year just when live telecasts have been allowed for the first time ever or because Sydney has a 10-team competition.

The fact that second division crowds are at an all-time high this year leads us to believe the contrary.

Only the first division crowds have been affected this season and the extent of the loss of spectator appeal can be fully appreciated by the survey of first division attendances we have compiled.

With only three full competition rounds remaining, first division matches so far have attracted 207,500 spectators for a weekly average of 13,832 people.

Last season 435,000 saw the 22 competition rounds and the weekly average attendance was 19,300.

The previous year, in 1963, soccer reached an all-time high in Sydney when 20,600 spectators watched first division matches weekly.

In 1963 there were no international tours, no live telecasts and a healthy, interesting 12-team competition.

Thus the Sydney first division has lost 6,800 spectators a weekend in the last two years.

This season's weekly average attendance of 13,832 is only slightly more than in 1959 when there was a 14-team competition.

Let's now take a close look at attendances before and after Chelsea's two matches in Sydney.

Before Chelsea made their first appearance in Sydney, on May 8 to be precise, there had been five competition rounds which averaged 15,160 spectators a weekend.

Since Chelsea's departure Sydney's first division average attendance has slumped to 12,900.

As this figure also includes South Coast United's home crowds at Woonona Oval and a percentage of spectators who double up on both days of the weekend, it is safe to assume that only about 8,000 people a week watched Sydney soccer since Chelsea left.

The weather can't even be blamed for this season's poor attendances as conditions have been perfect on every weekend but two.

And the atrocious weather of 1963, the worst on record, did not prevent soccer crowds beating all records that particular year.

Here is a breakdown of the attendances at every competition weekend to date.

Round 1: 17,500; Round 2: 11,400(R)*; Round 3: 19,200; Round 4: 17,500; Round 5: 12,000; Round 6: 13,500; Round 7: 15,000; Round 8: 16,600; Round 9: 17,200; Round 10: 9,500; Round 11: 12,300; Round 12: 13,800; Round 13: 5,000(R); Round 14: 11,800; Round 15: 15,000.

*Rainy weekend with some postponed matches played at a later date.

And now to television.

Channel TEN started televising a live match every Sunday in Sydney on April 11.

Their first telecast was the match between Hakoah and Pan Hellenic at Wentworth Park in the second round of the competition.

The first round of the competition, when there was no live television, was watched by 17,500 spectators—the second largest ever opening crowd in Federation history.

The televised second round attracted 11,400 people, the third round 19,200 and the fourth 17,500.

I feel it took the public about three weeks to realize that a match was being telecast on Sundays and this is borne by the fact that the biggest three weekend attendances to date this season were in the first four rounds.

After round V, the combination of the effects of the Chelsea tour and live telecasts proved disastrous and crowds have never been quite the same, not by a long shot.

The introduction of the 10-team competition this season, too, must have affected attendances.

The long despised support of teams like Bankstown, Canterbury (in their pre-Grecian days) and even Corinthians would all be welcome in first division today and help swell the total attendances, however small they may be.

This is clearly demonstrated by the excellent crowds watching second division—some 5,000 a week.

Second division crowds so far this season account for nearly 30 per cent. of the total Sydney soccer support whereas in the past this figure never exceeded 12 per cent.

CONSIDER YOUR VERDICT

The controversial offside Law causes a lot of headaches to the referee but more so when the spectators and players enter into the argument.

In this simulated setting where a game is in progress, a penalty-kick is awarded and all the players take their correct positions outside the penalty area behind the ball, except one attacking player who chooses to stand, in front of the ball at the intersection of the 18-yard line and the penalty area line, inside the field of play.

The referee makes no attempt to tell the player to go behind the ball despite protests by the defending captain.

The kick is taken and a goal is scored which the arbiter allows.

The defending players surround him and vehemently protest against his decision claiming that the attacking player was in an offside position—that is, in front of the ball and not having two defenders nearer to their own goal-line, when the kick was taken.

The referee goes on with the game.

Soon after, a penalty-kick is awarded to the opposition and the same situation occurs, but this time after the kick is taken, the ball strikes the cross-bar and gets to the player in the offside position, who takes a shot at goal and scores.

The referee immediately disallows the goal.

Is the referee inconsistent or just plain biased?

ANSWER: Neither — he just knows his Laws. In the first instance, a player may stand anywhere, outside the penalty area, within the field of play, and at least 10 yards away from the ball, during the taking of a penalty-kick.

Provided he does not interfere with play or seek to gain an advantage, there is no infringement.

However, in the second instance, the player moved to interfere with the game after the kick had failed to score and naturally the referee disallowed the goal.

THE YEAR: 1946

Looking back into our soccer past

Today we continue our flash-back series and hop back to 1946.

We wish to thank Terry Smith (THE AUSTRALIAN), Keith Gilmour and Mr. H. Lund for kindly giving or lending us some of their old programs, newspapers or scrapbooks.

We hope to get more in the coming weeks, enabling us to edit further flash-backs for the series.

"ONLY one Australian-born player—left winger Ray Marshall—will be in North Shore's forward line to play Woonona in the Sydney Cup soccer on Saturday."

—Sydney Sun., 21.3.1946

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"NORTH Shore soccer club has played all its matches this season without its team having a trial run together. The team which uses Chatswood Oval as its home ground, has not been able to train or play there, as this has been used for cricket. The players have kept fit by attending gymnasiums, doing road work with athletes, and kicking a ball around paddocks near their homes."

—Sun, 17.4.1946

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"METTERS have a brilliant team—on paper only. They have the players, but frequent changes by club selectors have not allowed them to settle down . . ."

—Mirror, 4.5.1946

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"A NEAR riot was caused at the conclusion of the Metters — Canterbury Bankstown soccer game at SCG No. 2 yesterday . . ." ". . .punches were thrown at both the referee and linesmen as they left the field. Police had to intervene and escort the officials to the dressing room..."

—Truth, 5.5.1946

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"CANTERBURY - Bankstown soccer team gave Granville a football lesson in the first round of the State Cup yesterday. Playing scintillating football, Canterbury never gave the Magpies a chance to settle down and ran out easy winners, 7-3 . . ." ". . . a record crowd paid £120 to see the game."

—Truth, 12.5.1946

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"CANTERBURY'S soccer followers hooted referee R. Drummond at Chatswood Oval today when North Shore scored its second goal against the premiers . . ."

—Sun, 25.5.1946

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". . .CANTERBURY secretary Andy Burton gave a "pep" talk to the players at the interval. Within two minutes of resuming, Reg Date scored . ." ". . .we were on our 'wrong leg' in the first half. Our coach, Ray Bryant caught the wrong train, and arrived just before the game was to start", said Canterbury secretary Andy Burton."

—Sunday Sun, 26.5.1946

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"STATE soccer selector Mr. Sid Blake today ridiculed a statement by an unnamed club official that selectors visited only grounds used by Woonona and North Shore to watch players."

—Sun, 26.6.1946

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Then we ask you to answer the eight questions by underlining whichever may apply. We left some space for any additional remarks you may care to make.

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- Absence of colorful player personalities.
- Absence of more district teams.
- Too many national teams.
- Not enough Continental players.
- Not enough Australian players.
- Too many mediocre imports.
- Familiarity with the same teams.
- Not enough first division teams.
- "Lost appetite" after international tours.
- Declined playing standards.
- Hard or rough play.
- Uninteresting curtain-raisers.
- Behaviour of some partisan crowds.
- Lack of suitable publicity in newspapers.
- Dissatisfaction with game's management at top.
- Refereeing standards.
- Poor spectator facilities.
- Direct telecast of Sunday matches.
- Bad distribution of Saturday and Sunday games.
- New interests outside of soccer.

1. **Do you watch a Federation match weekly?** most weeks? at times? never?
2. **Did you in the past watch it weekly?** most weeks? at times? never?
3. **Do you follow a particular team—** yes no
4. **If not now, did you in the past—** yes no
5. **Do you watch Sunday's match on TV—** yes no
6. **Would you go to matches if there were no soccer telecasts?** yes no
7. **Do you feel soccer can be improved?** yes no
8. **If YOUR grievances were attended to, would your interest in soccer revive?** yes no

Any remarks:
(If space insufficient, attach comments on separate slip.)

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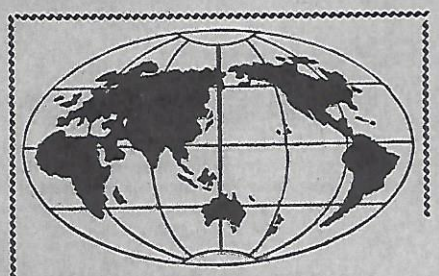

ROUND THE WORLD

The famous Welshman John Charles has informed his club, Cardiff City, that he has hung his boots up and won't play next season. He gave no specific reason for his retirement. The 33-year-old Charles was the first British player ever transferred to Italy at a big fee. He was transferred from Leeds United to Juventus for £80,000 in 1957. Charles returned to Leeds in 1962 but only stayed there three months. AS Roma acquired him from the English club for £65,000. In 1963 "King Charles" left Italy definitely and signed with Cardiff City for £35,000. Rumour has it that Charles may return to Italy as a coach but Jimmy Scoular, Cardiff City's manager, says that if this is Charles' intention it will cost any club anything up to £50,000 to secure his services.

Four of a kind

The Danish team that recently beat Sweden 2-1 in Copenhagen included four Hanssens, all unrelated: Jens Jorgen Hanssen, at fullback, Kurt Hanssen, at stopper, Bengt Hanssen, at right half and Egon Hanssen, at inside left. This was Denmark's first win over Sweden since 1951.

What's in a name?

Sparta, this year's champions, have won their first Czech title since 1954. Stars of the team are Kvasnak, Pospichal, Tichy, Masek, Vojta and Mraz. After 1945 the team played under its new names of Spartak Bratrstvi and Spartak Sokolovo Praha, but earlier this year they were allowed to go back to the original and traditional Sparta.

Money speaks loudly

For the first time ever, a provincial team, Linzer ASK has won the Austrian league title. (Adolf Blutsch joined them on his return from Sydney. Ed.) To top it all, they also won the Austrian Cup, making it a historical double. However, until the last moment LASK's success was uncertain. A week before their final league match the players and their coach, Czech Bufka, went on strike, as they had not received their bonus for winning the Cup. The club quickly paid up, the players returned to training — and beat Vienna 2-0 in the last match to clinch the title.

Inter stars shine

The Italian soccer writers — a tremendously influential body — have again picked a "team of the year", which this time includes no less than eight Inter Milan players. This is their team: Pizzaballa — Burgnich, Guarneri, Facchetti (all Inter) — Fogli (Bologna), Picchi (I.) — Jair, Suarez (both I.), Hitchens (Torino), Orlando (Fiorentina), Amarildo (AC Milan). Jair and Amarildo are Brazilians, Hitchens is English, Suarez a Spaniard.

Senor with hopes

The coach of the Argentine Independiente, Manuel Giudice, told newsmen recently that he had found the "cure" against the tactics of Inter Milan whom his team is scheduled to meet later this year for the Intercontinental Cup. "We'll blot Suarez and Corso, the two playmakers out of the game", he said. "If we succeed in this, their three strikers, Mazzola, Peiro and Jair will be shut out rather easily. We'll show the italians that if necessary, we also can play according to a strict strategy".

● Jozsef Bozsik, Hungary's only 100-times capped international has been allowed to return to his club Honved as technical manager. Earlier this year Bozsik got himself in trouble over his involvement with a smuggling ring and was in danger of being sent to jail.

● **Port Vale, the fourth division English club is almost certain to get Sir Stanley Matthews as manager. However, Sir Stanley must first fulfil some previous obligations by playing exhibition matches in Yugoslavia, Iceland, West Germany, United Arab Republic and Malta.**

● Polonia Bytom won the 1964 final of the Rappan Cup recently — while the 1965 series had already been in progress. In the first match of the final they lost 0-3 to the East German SC Leipzig but in the return leg beat them 5-1 — after the Germans had led 1-0 in the 23rd minute .

● **Three Hungarians are at present engaged as coaches in the United Arab Republic: Sandor Kaposi, Jozsef Kovacs and Laszlo Rakoczi. They claim that the slow progress of UAR's soccer has many reasons, including an odd one: a shortage of balls . . .**

● After a trip through Soviet Union, Japan's national team arrived in Hungary to play two friendly matches. One will be in the provincial town of Kecskemet, the second at the industrial suburb of Csepel, just outside Budapest.

● **Eugen Heier, the 35-year-old Swiss international has retired from soccer. Meier was capped 42 times for Switzerland and in competition matches has scored 247 goals.**

● Two Austrian teams will have Turkish goalkeepers in the coming season: Austria-Wien have Ozcan and Austria-Salzburg have Sukrut.

● **Maryan, the French international halfback from Stade Francais (Paris) has been transferred to Belgium's Union Saint Gilloise.**

● Kaj Soerensen, the Danish international inside-right who played in the Stanley Matthews Testimonial, left Scotland for FC Koln, the glamor Bundesliga club. His signing-on fee was £8,000.

● **Brazil are so keen to retain Garrincha and discourage him from transferring to Spain or Italy that Joao Havelange, president of the Brazilian Sports Confederation, is paying out of his own pocket the £5,000 back taxes owed by the "Little Bird".**

● As from July 31 this year France had 478,546 registered soccer plaers, not including schoolboys. Only West Germany, the USSR and England have more players in Europe.

● **Albania's representative in the European Cup this year is Nenduri Tirana. They ended the long reign of Partizan Tirana in last season's competition.**

● Sliema Wanderers, Malta's team in this year's European Cup, are relying on star players Robbie Buttigieg, their centre-half, and burly centre-forward Joe Cini to upset Greek champions Panathinaikos in the first round.

● **The biggest transfer to date in the French off-season has seen international centre-forward Andre Guy go from Saint Etienne to Lille for £40,000.**

● The Japanese national team is currently touring Eastern Europe. Their best result so far is a 3-2 victory over first division Soviet club Neftyannik Baku.

● **Helmuth Rahn, the hero of West Germany's 1954 World Cup victory, has signed a new contract with Bundesliga club Meiderich.**

● Uwe Seeler, West Germany's outstanding player, has resumed training after his double cartilage operation three months ago. Seeler is expected to lead West Germany's forward line in the vital World Cup elimination match against Sweden at Stockholm on September 26.

● **Twenty-six players appeared in all French first division matches last season—eight more than in 1963-64.**

● **Inter Milan's new goalkeeper this coming season will be Varese's Miniussi and not the brilliant Pizzaballa from Atalanta Bergamo as first expected.**

● Did you know that the fabulous Brazilian winger Garrincha has never played in a losing Brazilian national team? Garrincha played 37 times for Brazil, winning 34 games and drawing four.

Drives you up the Wall . . .

West Germany's "Hertha-scandal" is still not over. The Berlin Association wants another local team — Tennis Borussia or Tasmania — to be included in the Bundesliga in place of the expelled Hertha while others insist that the 16th place be filled by the team that had just missed promotion — Reutlingen — or the team that was relegated by the narrowest margin — Karlsruhe. The West German league starts in August — and the haggling and arguing still goes on and on and on . . .

"Brazil can't win . . ."

Helenio Herrera, Inter Milan's far-from-shy manager rates England as the most favored team to win next year's World Cup. Herrera recently spent five days in England giving demonstrations on the latest coaching techniques. After England Herrera rates Spain, Italy and the Soviet Union as likely winners. "Barzil won't win," added the prophet, "you can't win a World Cup just with one Pele". (Once Brazil won it with Pele, once without Pele, how come Herrera has become so doubting? Ed.)

High cost of fun

Yugoslavia's two most prominent international referees, B. Tesanic and A. Skoric have been banned for life. The charge against them was that during a recent trip to Milan they allowed to "be entertained" by their hosts. The decision by the Yugoslav FA was made without hearing either of the referees who, later, appealed against the sentence.

● **Italian first division club Varese will release their French international centre-forward Nestor Combin for France's coming World Cup elimination matches.**

● Glasgow club Celtic have two Brazilians on trial. They are Marco Di Sousa and Raul Ayrton from FC Sao Paulo.

● **Dukla Prague won the Mexico City annual tournament. The Czechs beat Mexican Cup winners Oro 3-1 in the final after eliminating Spain's Zaragoza in the semi-finals.**

● Apoel Nicosia, the Cypriot champions, have agreed to play both their first round European Cup matches in West Germany against Werder Bremen. The first match will be played at Braunschweig and the return match at Bremen in October.

● **Juventus and Liverpool will play their first round European Cup-Winners' Cup matches on September 29 at Turin and on October 13 in England.**

● La Coruna have transferred their Spanish international halfback Jose Ruiz to Real Madrid for £A45,000.

● **Ole Madsen, Denmark's best player and one of Europe's most prolific goalgetters, has been transferred to Sparta Rotterdam for £20,000. Madsen scored 41 goals in his 44 international appearances.**

● Wolfgang Fahrian ,West Germany's top goalkeeper, was seriously injured in a friendly game against a village team, SV Wahldorf, last week. Fahrian, who plays for the ill-fated Hertha Berlin dislocated his right shoulder.

SCOREBOARD

WORLD CUP (elimination matches): Argentina v. Paraguay 3-0 (Buenos Aires — All goals were scored in the second half. An own goal by Paraguayan fullback Ricardo Gonzales opened the scoring in the 15th minute and Onega in the 26th minute and Artime in the 36th added to the score); **Chile v. Colombia 7-2** (Santiago — 4-0 at halftime); **Ecuador v. Colombia 1-0 0-2** (Caracas); **Paraguay v.** (Quito); **Colombia v. Ecuador Bolivia 2-0** (Ascencion).

FRIENDLY CLUB INTERNATIONALS: V f B Stuttgart v. Chelsea 1-1 (Stuttgart); Eintracht Frankfurt v. CDNA Sofia 0-0 (Frankfurt); Vasas Budapest v. Alemmania Aachen 4-1 (Aachen).

RAPPAN CUP: PSV (Holland) v. Chaux-de-Fonds (Switzerland) 2-1; ADO (Holland) v. Lugano (Switzerland) 0-2; Malmo (Sweden) v. Borussia Neunkirchen (W. Germany) 2-0; Orgryte (Sweden) v. Sparta Rotterdam (Holland) 1-1; Norrkoping (Sweden) v. Eintracht Frankfurt (W. Germany) 1-0; Ostrava (Czechoslovakia) v. Leipzig (East Germany) 4-0; Kosice (Czechoslovakia) v. Radnicki (Yugoslavia) 2-0.

USSR: Zenith Leningrad v. Dynamo Kiev 1-4; Dynamo Minsk v. Central Army Team 1-0; Torpedo Kutaisi v. Wings of Soviet 4-1; Donetsk v. Army Odessa 1-3; Dynamo Tbilissi v. Pakhtakor Tashkent 0-0.

Pele confident of Rimet Cup

In the Italian GAZETTA DELLO SPORT Pele was interviewed recently on Brazil's World Cup chances.

"We have a fairly new team with only Djalma Santos, Garrincha, Orlando, Bellini and myself remaining from the old guard", he said.

"Naturally, it takes months to build the new ones into the team, but we'll do it.

"During our recent trip to Europe we've blooded such talented youngsters as Manga, Dudu, Rildo, Ademir, Rinaldo, Parana, Flavio, Jairzinho and Dias, all of whom will be there in London next year.

"Also, we had to leave at home such brilliant players as Gildo, Ivair, Ney, Aldemar and others, who were injured or sick.

"I wouldn't be surprised if some who now play abroad — Sani, Cinesinho, Jair and Amarildo — were also considered for next year.

"And why not? They're just as good Brazilians as we are.

"At any rate, we have no reason to be gloomy about 1966.

"In fact, I feel we can repeat our two last wins and take home the Jules Rimet Cup for good from London".

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WHO COMES ? . . . WHO GOES ? . . . WHAT GOES ? . . .

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Hapoel Tel Aviv, Israel's top team, may tour Australia after all. A representative from the club is at the moment in Australia negotiating with Hakoah-Sydney and Hakoah-Melbourne for three matches in the country. Hapoel also plan to play in Teheran (Iran), Bangkok, Hong Kong and Manila if they can arrange a brief tour of Australia. Hakoah-Sydney are willing to play them at the end of this month but the tour will only go on if the NSW Federation stages a match between the Israelis and a NSW representative side as well.

SECOND division club Thistle have elevated six of their Under-17 side to their first grade team. Last Saturday they fielded the following teenagers against Canterbury: John Macdonald, Brian Given, Ken White, Stan Barkowicz, Jack Chiswick and Rod Parish.

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DICK Folwell will be away next season. He is leaving for an 18-month holiday to the United Kingdom, but will definitely return to settle permanently in Australia.

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LAST month was a sad one for the Protestant Churches Association. Stan Hicks, a brilliant nine-year-old centre-forward died after a long illness. Stan played at centre-forward for Saint Thomas Kingsgrove, leaders in the A Division. He had a bright future and always gave his best every Saturday. His father is the secretary of the 10-team strong Saint Thomas club as well as the Bachelors baseball club in the Saint George area. SOCCER WORLD extends its deepest sympathy to Stan Hicks' bereaved family.

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NO less than eight former overseas full internationals appeared for the various Sydney teams last weekend ... Poland (Polonia) St. ... of Argentina ...aus of Austria ...ards of Wales ...g of Wales ... of Scot- ...e-Budapest) ...ta (Prague).

...tt, the ... had ..., and ... were ... was fit ... football ... eam of ... wi... d named it W... de soon caught the ... Accrington scout, ... a trial was signed by the Lancashire club. When 15, Bennett had a season with Bolton Wanderers, playing mainly in their colts and "B" teams. Bennett joined Corinthians three years ago and transferred to APIA earlier this season. Unfortunately for both him and APIA, he has been plagued with injuries this season, missing many games.

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AN exciting gala day will be sta... by Maroubra United and ...oah's junior segment o... ...day, August 29 at Paine Reserve, Rainbow St., Kingsford. Starting at 11 a.m. a string of junior games will be held followed by a ladies' match and a "derby" between two teams composed of fathers.

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CUMBERLAND president Jim Pratt will return from his North Queensland holiday in time for Cumberland's match against APIA at Lambert Park on Saturday week.

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THE special meeting of the Australian Federation to discuss the proposed national league will be held in Melbourne on the weekend of August 21-22. The meeting will not be open to CLUB presidents as stated erroneously last week, but to presidents of STATE federations.

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POLONIA players and officials were entertained at a ball given in their honor by their Wollongong supporters last Sunday evening after the match against South Coast United. The ball, at the Wollongong Trades Hall, was a sellout and many would-be patrons had to be turned away.

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SID Grant, one of soccer's most noted statisticians, wants to hear from any reader who can give him the full line-up of Gladesville in the 1957 Federation Cup final. Please write to c/- Public School, Albemarle Ave., Rose Bay, NSW.

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MAROUBRA United will re-screen the classic film of the 1960 European Cup final between Real Madrid and Eintracht Frankfurt at 7.45 pm, August 20 at the Methodist Hall, Malabar Rd., Maroubra.

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CHANNEL 9, we are sorry to report, still continues to snub soccer. Last Saturday night's "Sports Newsreel" program gave all the afternoon's sporting results—rugby league, rugby union, hockey, baseball, polo—but compere Dick Healy did not even mention the two soccer matches played. To add insult to injury, at the end of the show he reminded viewers that some "exciting rugby matches would be played on Sunday", again omitting the three soccer matches which were played on Sunday.

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TIBOR Zuckermann, the St. George-Budapest captain became a naturalised Australian last week.

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APIA must bitterly regret having booked the Sydney Showground for almost half their home matches this season. They haven't won a match there this year. They were beaten at "headquarters" by Saint George-Budapest 2-4, Pan Hellenic 1-2, Yugal 1-2 and Prague 1-2 in competition matches. The Showground was just as unsuccessful for them in the Ampol Cup as they went down to Prague 2-3 in their first appearance in the series. Their four competition crowds, too, were disappointing as they only totalled 23,500 spectators. Last season their one and only competition game at the Showground nearly attracted as many spectators as all this year's games put together—and they won that match against Pan Hellenic 6-2 in the last round to win the championship.

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DAVID Reid and Dick Smith, the two young Scottish imports who failed to impress in first team appearances, are showing greatly improved form in the second grade. Hakoah are confident that both will be an asset to the club next year.

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FRANZ Van Gaalen, Auburn's former Dutch centre-half, may be back next season. Van Gaalen now lives in Holland but may join Cumberland next season to replace Dick Folwell.

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BILL Rorke, Bankstown's brilliant young Australian-born goalkeeper was sent off for the first time in his brief career last Sunday in the match against Thistle.

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Conducted by EINAR PERSEN

LET'S hope that Bob Fekete's brilliant display against Metro last week caught the eyes of the Australian selectors. Fekete tore the Metro defence to ribbons last Sunday and must be on the verge of World Cup selection. His speed and zest would be a great asset to the national team on the lightning fast pitches of Cambodia.

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THE following par on South Coast winger Derek Mayers appeared in Britain's Charles Buchan's FOOTBALL MONTHLY three years ago: "Derek Mayers of Preston is another example of versatility. He made his name as Preston's outside-right, but was a great success when switched to the left. He started with Everton as a left-winger, but had settled on the right before being transferred to Preston. Mayers, who comes from the Speke district of Liverpool, has also played at centre-forward and inside-left."

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WILHELM Pilot, the 26-year-old Polonia-North Side winger died last weekend after a long illness. Pilot came to Australia from Poland five years ago had returned home for 12 months two years ago. He was a clever, speedy winger and played a prominent part in Polonia's promotion to first division in 1960. He played for first division club Polonia-Bytom before coming to Australia. South Coast and Polonia-NS observed one minute's silence as a mark of respect before the kick-off of their match last Sunday at Woonona.

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JIMMY Gallagher's younger brother Victor leaves Scotland at the end of the month to join his brother at Cumberland. Gallagher Jnr. is a centre-forward of some note.

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THE Australian Federation World Cup sub-committee, comprising of Mike Weinstein (Victoria), Vic Tuting (Tasmania) and Jim Bayutti (NSW) will meet in Melbourne later this month to complete details for the Australian squad's preparation. Nothing, however, can be done until FIFA notify the ASF on the exact dates of the elimination matches in Cambodia.

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BILL Macarthy made a surprise return to Corinthians' first team last Sunday against Concordia. Macarthy was one of Corinthians' top stars when they gained promotion in 1963 but retired from soccer 18 months ago when he moved to Woy Woy. The 26-year-old English half-back returned to Sydney three weeks ago, shaped up impressively at training and is now back in Corinthians' first team, for good it seems

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IN case you didn't know, there will be no semifinals in the minor grades this year. First team past the post at the end of the 18 premiership rounds will become the champions.

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TWO VIE FOR TOP HONORS

Either Petar Banicevic, the St. George-Budapest stopper, or Polonia-NS right-half Ginter Gawlik is the likely winner of SOCCER WORLD's annual "Star Award".

These two players have a substantial lead with only three competition rounds remaining.

Jim Kelly, the leader at the halfway mark of the competition, has slipped to third place as a result of slumping form in the past three weeks and appears unlikely to repeat his 1961 and 1963 wins.

Banicevic has averaged 4.46 points so far in the competition, Gawlik 4.38 and Kelly 4.28.

SOCCER WORLD awards are based on the number of points collected by every first division player throughout the competition where each week marks ranging from 1 to 6 are awarded.

Hakoah's Welsh international fullback Trevor Edwards was SW's "top star" in 1964 but he's nowhere near last season's form this year and has barely averaged 3.50 at this stage.

At the halfway mark of the competition, 18 players had averaged four points or more.

Now, three weeks before the end of the championship, they are only 14.

Don Brown (Polonia-NS), Filippo Bottalico (APIA), Ron Corry (Pan Hellenic), Hugo Rodriguez (St. George-Budapest), John Warren (St. Geo-Budapest), and Danny Walsh (Hakoah) have dropped out of the four-plus ratings while Dave Todd (Saints) and Heinz Ringhoff (Yugal) appear in the list for the first time this season.

These are the 14 players who have averaged four or more points at this stage of the competition:

P. Banicevic (St. G.-B'st)	**4.46**
G. Gawlik (Polonia-NS)	**4.38**
J. Kelly (SCU)	**4.28**
J. Drewniak (Pol.-NS)	**4.23**
P. Hughes (APIA)	**4.20**
M. Stojanovic (Yugal)	**4.15**
D. Todd (St. Geo-B'pest)	**4.15**
G. McPhail (Cumb.)	**4.09**
M. Schaefer (St. G-B'st)	**4.07**
A. Falzon (Prague)	**4.00**
J. Fernie (P. Hellenic)	**4.00**
J. Harris (SCU)	**4.00**
G. Jones (Prague)	**4.00**
H. Ringhoff (Yugal)	**4.00**

REFEREES FOR WEEKEND

Polonia-NS v. Hakoah: **A. R. Brown;** Pan Hellenic v. Metro: **A. Boskovic;** Cumberland v. Yugal: **N. Jones;** St. George-Budapest v. APIA. **H. Eilerts;** Prague v. SCU: **J. Scarborough.**

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Qld: Saftich (Azzurri) 31, Guaragne (Azzurri) 26.

ACT: Maccarone (Juventus) 341, Piscioneri (Juventus) 95, Arquero (Juventus) 85.

SA: Di Bartolo (Juventus) 2061, Rossetto (Juventus) 315.

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Smalltalk

"WHAT will Pan Hellenic do if they are really relegated?", somebody asked on Saturday. "It's simple," replied his companion, "they'll join the National League".

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SAYING of the week by a noted cynic: "I'd rather be a Prime Minister in troubled Greece than the coach of Pan Hellenic."

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VICTORIANS claim that knifing is, after all, just another sport and soccer shouldn't be allowed to interfere with it...

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ON their recent displays one begins to wonder: are St. George-Budapest fighting against the championship?

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ALL present champion-elects have been playing badly recently and many people feel none really deserve the title. Maybe it shouldn't be awarded at all but should jackpot for 1966?

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THE Hakoah v. Metro clash will go down in local soccer history as a unique matc... the game ended, Hakoah's goalie w... Metro's Massey, both former NSW... ative forwards. They spent a tota... minutes in the two goals ... to keep their nets int...

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...itself ... of spectators. ... don't pretend to know ...e cure — but neither does ...ybody else.

Hence this survey, a cold, ...inical look at our problems ...nd ills.

If the NSW Federation were ...pletely conscious of their ...nsibility to the code, they ... have arranged some sort ...vey long ago. ...dvocated several forms ...any times but nothing happened. ...w it's up to us, this ...per and you the read... ...o into action. ...nt to hear from club ...aches, players, club ...ached spectators ...deration officials ...opportunity to ...n. ... will help ... we ...d

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BOTH LEADERS WILL HAVE TOUGH ENCOUNTERS

— From Bob Low in Melbourne —

With both teams striving for top-four honors, the Hakoah v. Slavia match on Saturday should be a battle royal.

The two leaders, Hellas and George Cross will have tough hurdles to clear and either could be involved in a surprise result.

Hakoah v. Slavia

Middle Park, Saturday

With 18 British players in the line-ups it could be a game without frills — but plenty of thrills.

Another point in common with both sides: they have proved two of the hardest sides to beat and neither indulge in free gift days.

Understandable, with all the Scots on display.

Of the two, Hakoah's better goal average would appear to spell the only difference between the sides and for this reason alone I plump for them finishing up as winners.

Polonia v. G. Cross

A recent revival by Polonia since they introduced several promising youngsters has levelled up to a large extent the earlier disparity between the sides.

On the other hand George Cross are feeling the strain and suspensions of key players in recent weeks have not brightened their championship chances.

The Cross should make it but only a first class display will ensure both points for them.

Wilhelmina v. Hellas

Ringwood, Sunday

Wilhelmina, despite weaknesses in both defence and attack, have a happy knack of accounting for the big shots, especially at Ringwood.

Hellas will miss the thrust of Mandalis but compensation is the cracking display of their wingers.

They are the type who, when they click, can run riot and almost win the game on their own.

So despite the possibilities of Wilhelmina I take Hellas to collect both points.

Juventus v. Croatia

Olympic Park, Saturday

Juventus are smart at leading-up play and solid in the process but an old bogey has haunted them for some time —indecision and inaccuracy in front of goal.

On the other hand Croatia with tearaway tactics, two excellent wing halves and a sizzling attack tempt disaster by leaving loopholes in defence.

Despite this shortcoming Croatia should finish on top.

Triestina v. Lions

Maribynong, Saturday

Nothing short of an outright win will give Lions, who have been stuck on rock bottom for months, even a glimmer of hope.

Unless Triestina get both points they will find the Lions right on their tail and poised to overtake them.

A dreadful position for both.

Despite their much worse position Lions are now a better side than Triestina and I expect them to emphasise this by winning well.

JUST v. Melbourne

Footscray, Sunday

The big gap which separates the clubs in the league table is not a true indication of their present form.

JUST have been so moody of late that they are highly unpredictable.

Melbourne on the other hand haven't been a bad side all season, have had little luck but are now clicking to some extent in attack—a weakness that has cost them many points.

JUST with home ground advantage may end up winners.

New winger

Forty eight hours after stepping off the plane at Melbourne, left winger Colin Myers took the field for Melbourne and turned in an impressive display.

The 23-year-old Englishman played with Gravesend and was with his club at the same time as Johnny Sanchez, now with Pan Hellenic.

HELLAS STAR BACK

Johnny Margarites who went back to Greece last season has returned to Melbourne to rejoin Hellas, who will no doubt feel that once tuned up, he will provide an adeq... replacement for ... who broke his ... game with

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SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
E. Sydney	10	4	4	48	36	24
Lane Cove	11	1	4	44	28	23
Gladesville	9	4	4	40	35	22
Auburn Jnrs	9	3	5	43	23	21
Granville	7	5	6	33	29	19
Uni. NSW	8	2	7	48	38	18
Marrickville	7	3	8	37	36	17
Paddington	5	1	11	22	42	11
Western Subs.	3	2	11	32	63	8
Yagoona	1	5	10	18	35	7

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
NS Inter	18	—	—	119	10	36
Penrith	12	2	4	63	22	26
Warr. Saints	10	3	5	58	41	23
Willoughby	11	—	4	66	29	22
E. Bankstown	7	1	7	46	45	15
Marr. CYO.	4	2	9	43	53	10
Surry Hills	4	2	8	25	40	10
Arn. Scots	4	1	10	35	32	9
Maroubra	2	1	13	20	80	5
Ku-Ring-Gai	1	—	13	8	129	2

SYDNEY PROTESTANT CHURCHES COMPETITION

First Division

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St.Luke's C'crd	14	1	1	43	15	29
St.John's M'bra	10	3	3	40	25	23
G'ville Meths.	7	1	7	30	31	15
St.Aidans' A'd	7	—	9	28	33	14
Auburn C-C	4	5	7	27	33	13
A'cliffe Presb.	6	1	8	29	34	13
P'bowl Meths.	5	1	9	32	39	1[illegible]
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Second Divisior

	W	D	L
G'ville Presb.	12	1	
St.James B'd	11	2	
St.Giles' H'ville	9		
D'moyne Bapt.	6		
St.Barnabas' Pb.			
E'wood Bapt			
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Polonia utility [N]orman Massie has [cl]eared to Swan Athle[tic (W]A) for £150.

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Speaking through an interpreter on Saturday, Hellas imports Nick Kefaloudis and Zisis Mittas, told SOCCER WORLD that the Juventus v. [H]ellas match they were watching was equal in standard to Greek second division.

The players who arrived in Adelaide last Monday should know because both played for second division club Naousa [w]hich was relegated this season.

Both are awaiting their overseas clearances but only Kefaloudis has his club clearance.

Mittas could experience difficulty because the clever forward has been sought by leading first division Greek clubs.

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The SA under 18 Youth squad has been reduced from 30 to 18.

Sixteen of the following squad will make the trip to Brisbane in October under coach Tom Forde and manager Len Willmen: J. Inglis, C. Murray, T. Bailey, P. Bakurski, J. Pike (Budapest); G. Mielnik, J. Marciniak (Polonia); J. Baggio, J. Perrin, R. Romanowicz, A. Zurawski, J. Connell (Juventus); W. Hardie, T. Wetton (Birkalla); M. Moore, B. Coad (Cumberland); J. Langley, (Orange-Sturt); Z. Usinek (Malta).

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Stop! Don't ring those bells —the Port Adelaide—Austria wedding is off!

The big event was planned for next year but Port Adelaide has been jilted after a brief engagement.

Pity, because the Magpies had their home completed at Ethelton and were promised a £10,000 dowry from a rich Port Adelaide business organisation.

—Allan Crisp

HELLAS CLOSER TO STATE TITLE

With George Cross having dropped another point, Hellas' championship hopes have soared.

Last week's Melbourne results:

JUST v. Croatia 1-2

JUST should have won this game in the first half when only a mixture of rank bad luck in shooting and Croatia packed into their own half kept them from scoring.

Croatia, unbeaten in their last eight games, went to the front five minutes after the resumption; seven minutes from time they were two up following a free kick by MacKay and although JUST reduced the leeway in the next minute they failed despite last minute attacks to draw level.

Scorers: JUST — Blue; Croatia — McMeechan and Currie.

M'bourne v. Polonia 1-1

Melbourne's eighth draw was their least impressive.

They were lucky to share the points with an equalising goal five minutes from full time — a scrambly affair it was too.

It was a friendly sort of a game with neither 'keeper having a decent shot to save the entire game.

Scorers: Melbourne — McCaig; Polonia — Plaskota.

SM Hellas v. Hakoah 4-1

Hellas retained their clear lead at the top and became firm favourites for the championship when a second half rally gave them a resounding win over Hakoah.

Holding Hellas to a draw at half time Hakoah had the better of the exchanges and but for the ineffective finishing of their attack would have turned round with a comfortable lead.

In the second half the more mobile Hellas wore their opponents down and the inspiring play of left wing pair —Anderson and Damanaikos was in no small way responsible for their splendid win.

Scorers: Hellas — Ackerley (2), Anderson (2); Hakoah — Robertson.

Slavia v. Triestina 3-1

A clear cut but far from a convincing win for Slavia who lost a quick goal and struggled until just before half time when they equalised.

In the second half the Port side were little better and Triestina came within an ace of snatching a valuable point until ace scorer Laraman notched a brace from goalmouth scrimmages.

Scorers: Slavia — McCorquodale & Laraman (2); Triestina — Copeland.

G. Cross v. Wil'mina 4-4

A severe set-back to the George Cross championship hopes.

With two goals in five minutes in the first half the Cross looked in easy street but the Dutchmen fought back to square the game.

George Cross regained their lead with another two goals but again the Ringwood side made up the arrears to grab a point.

Both sides scored a penalty goal in a match George Cross should have won.

Lions v. Juventus 0-1

A lucky win for Juventus and a result which kept them in the four.

In the first half Lions were the superior side but in the second half Juventus brightened up and Bell notched the all-important goal.

Best player afield was Smits, the left half of Lions.

Scorer: Bell.

STATE LEAGUE TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
SM Hellas	11	3	2	45	15	25
George Cross	10	3	3	35	16	23
Juventus	10	—	6	30	18	20
Hakoah	7	6	3	25	15	20
Slavia	8	4	4	26	19	20
JUST	8	2	6	28	22	18
Polonia	6	6	4	17	17	18
Croatia	7	3	6	28	23	17
Wilhelmina	4	6	6	23	28	14
Melbourne	1	8	7	14	21	10
Triestina	1	3	12	13	51	5
Lions	—	14	2	10	49	2

NO PARADISE FOR ADAM

The future looks anything but bright for Hellas winger Jim Adam who recently knocked back the chance to join Pan Hellenic.

A money dispute was the reason for his refusal to move.

Adam, the former Stoke City, Aston Villa and Luton player has been off for many weeks with ligament trouble.

Meantime his position on the Hellas touchline has been admirably filled by 17-year-old Leo Damanaikos — one of the soccer finds of 1965.

And Adam who has fancied the wing half position for some time has little hope of shifting former Box Hill player Johnny Bedford now playing at peak form.

Lions anxious to stay up in front

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

USC Lion, determined to retain their slender lead over Croatia and Enfield City, anxious to qualify for a final four berth, should provide a spirited clash at Adelaide's Hindmarsh Stadium on Saturday.

Lion v. Enfield

HINDMARSH STADIUM

Referee: W. Hosie

The meeting should also produce soccer for the purist because both sides are capable of speedy, scientific play.

Injury and illness has plagued Enfield for weeks but they are bouncing back to form and could press Lion solidly.

First round: Lion 3-2.

Malta v. Croatia

B.T.M. OVAL KILBURN

Referee: J. Wharton

On the surface Malta appear to face a hopeless task against the power-laden, ambitious Croatia who will have Peter Basic back to further their cause.

Malta will also be strengthened by the return from suspension of diminutive Maltese Youth international Charlie Galea.

First round: Croatia 4-1.

Cum'land v. B'pest

BAILEY RESERVE

Referee: A. Hankinson

Cumberland, hotly pursued by Hellas and Enfield, need a win desperately to keep in the top four and retain an Australia Cup chance.

Budapest's energetic juniors will shoot the works but the Edwardstown team's experience should ensure two points.

First round: Cumberland 6-5.

Austria v. Hellas

CROYDON PARK

Referee: A. Frost

The keen, almost bitter rivalry that exists between these clubs should guarantee an interest-packed match.

It should also be evenly fought with Austria's penetrative ability nullifying the expected midfield superiority of Hellas.

First round: Austria 2-1.

Juventus v. Birkalla

OLYMPIC SPORTS FIELD

Referee: K. Candy

Birkalla prefer the better grounds and usually perform better on them but the tailenders must be given only "Buckley's" chance of succeeding against the professional looking Juventus.

The manner in which Juventus whisked through Hellas last week must have earned them favoritism to represent SA in the Australia Cup even above the more consistent Lion and Croatia.

First round: Juventus 3-0.

CRISP TIPS: Croatia, Cumberland, Lion, Hellas, Juventus.

Juve. back in form, score great win

Juventus burst back into prominence in Adelaide with an amazing four-goal win over Hellas watched by 5,000 fans at Hindmarsh last Saturday.

Hellas v. Juventus 0-4

Hellas, with Worthington feeding his youthful colleagues De Lyster, Kilishiri, Van Dyke and Pantelis, had many more scoring chances than Juventus in the first half but good defensive play from Baggio, Horvath and Di Bartolo kept the scoreboard blank.

The second half was a complete reversal of the first with Juventus' Cruz-inspired attack cutting the Hellas back lines to ribbons.

Scorers: West 63 mins, Moriarty 73 mins, Herczeg 80 mins, Govelli 83 mins for Juventus.

Budapest v. Lion 0-4

The Budapest youngsters surprisingly extended the leaders during the first half but finally crashed under pressure.

Lion teenager Peter Dackiw consolidated his position by laying on two goal-producing passes.

Scorers: Leitner 35 mins, Caven 55 mins, Monan 70 mins Beattie 83 mins for Lion.

Croatia v. Cum'land 4-0

Croatia achieved a twofold purpose with this victory.

They maintained their goal average superiority over Lion and proved that the Cumberland hoodoo now holds no terrors.

Scorers: Slager 2, Weiker, McGreevey for Croatia.

Birkalla v. Malta 1-0

Birkalla, so often the victim of ill-fortune this year, had lady luck on their side to win this woodenspooners' battle.

Both sides missed with shots that should have scored but none as glaring as Malta's Campbell Bracken who blazed two shots over the bar from six yeards.

Malta winger John Clark was sent off for allegedly kicking Micky Mann 10 minutes before the final whistle.

Scorer: Jones 86 mins for Birkalla.

Enfield v. Austria 3-2

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Enfield Ci[ty]				[illegible]3	29	16
Austria			8	21	32	12
Budapest			10	18	37	9
Malta			11	21	41	7
Birkalla	2	2	11	11	38	6

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Polonia	13	1	1	66	12	27
Victoria	12	1	2	49	19	25
Elizabeth	10	3	2	41	19	23
Beograd	7	3	5	37	25	17
Napoli	4	3	8	22	35	11
Orange-Sturt	5	1	9	21	34	11
Windsor	5	1	9	23	40	11
Pt. Adelaide	4	2	9	20	32	10
WRE	4	2	9	24	39	10
Edinburgh	—	5	10	18	56	5

LEADING SCORERS

I. MONAN (Lion)	18
P. WEST (Juventus)	13
W. SLAGER (Croatia)	13
A. BEATTIE (Lion)	12
A. BATCHELOR (Enf...d)	11
J. BAINES (Austria)	10
P. BASIC (Croatia)	9
S. HERCZEG (Juventus)	9
A. BYRNE (Hellas)	9
W. MURRAY (Malta)	9

GOALIES REPLACED

Former Fiorentina 'keeper Frank Carli played his second competitive game in two years when he displaced former Budapest and Melbourne goalie Ernie Grosz against Slavia.

Frank who is now 37 put up a great show and had some magnificent saves.

Henri Surma the Melbourne 'keeper who broke his arm against Hakoah hopes to resume training in two weeks time.

Meantime his successor, 17-year-old Urban who never played soccer until last year is proving a capable deputy.

Surma is Polish while Urban is a Hungarian.